



## PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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REFORMATTING BINARY IMAGE DATA TO IMPROVE COMPRESSION USING

BYTE ORIENTED COMPRESSION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT Technology Center 2600

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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 16, 2002, please amendates above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 13-27 as follows:

- A method of compressing and decompressing image data, comprising: --13. reformatting binary image data into reformatted image data; compressing the reformatted image data; decompressing the compressed reformatted image data; and reverse reformatting the decompressed image data into binary image data.--
- The method of claim 13, further comprising transmitting the compressed reformatted image data between the compressing and decompressing steps.--